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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - December 2005

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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 32,159 metric tons of beans and pulses in December 2005 and India remained a major buyer, accounting for 90 percent of total exports. Burma's exports in 2005 declined sharply by 26 percent from the 2004 level to 669,669 metric tons, almost completely due to weakened exports to India.

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Trade

Burma exported 32,159 metric tons of beans and pulses in December 2005, down by 10 percent from the same period in 2004. India remained a major buyer, accounting for 90 of total exports, while Japan, another regular buyer, reduced its imports significantly. Matpe accounted for 41 percent of the total exports, followed by Toor Whole (32 percent) and Mung bean (32 percent).

Bangladesh – a total of 864 mt of beans and pulses exported:
864 mt of Mung beans

Belgium – a total of 84 mt of beans and pulses exported:
84 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

Czech Republic – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:
23 mt of Kidney beans

India - a total of 29,026 mt of beans and pulses exported:
9,979 mt of Matpe
8,774 mt of Mung beans
10,135 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)
138 mt of Kidney beans

Indonesia - a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:
46 mt of Black eye beans

Japan - a total of 72 mt of beans and pulses exported:
72 mt of Mung beans

Malaysia – a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:
46 mt of Matpe

Netherlands - a total of 168 mt of beans and pulses exported:
48 mt of Mung beans
120 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

Pakistan - a total of 929 mt of beans and pulses exported:
377 mt of Mung beans
552 mt of Black eye beans

Philippines – a total of 48 mt of beans and pulses exported:
24 mt of Mung beans
24 mt of Bamboo beans

Portugal – a total of 119 mt of beans and pulses exported:
119 mt of Black eye beans

Russia – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:
23 mt of kidney beans

Sri Lanka – a total of 237 mt of beans and pulses exported:
237 mt of Matpe

Singapore - a total of 404 mt of beans and pulses exported:
 110 mt of Matpe
 140 mt of Mung beans
 154 mt of Butter beans

United Arab Emirates – a total of 70 mt of beans and pulses exported:
 70 mt of Mung beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2004	2005
January	59,450	37,528
February	85,062	51,171
March	131,179	71,433
April	129,001	56,153
May	139,895	62,878
June	98,906	92,430
July	68,992	64,063
August	47,786	75,578
September	30,748	44,082
October	34,080	46,235
November	45,107	35,959
December	35,584	32,159
TOTAL	905,790	669,669

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee in December 2005 were:

FAQ = Fair Average Quality

SQ = Superior Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 520-540/metric ton

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 580-600/metric ton

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 320-340/metric ton

Mung beans (FAQ) US\$ 450-470/metric ton

Toor Whole red (Pigeon pea) (FAQ) US\$ 230-250/metric ton

Toor Whole white/red (Pigeon pea) (FAQ) US\$ 220-240/metric ton

Black eye beans (FAQ) US\$ 400-420/metric ton

Note: Average exchange rate in December is US\$= Kyat 1,153

Export prospects

Following the first harvest, the new crops of beans and pulses have begun to enter the domestic market. Export demand for new crop was still low due to high moisture content. Traders anticipated that prices will firm in the coming months due to higher overseas demand. Issuance of any export permits, previously processed in Rangoon, has been delayed because most of the Ministries have moved to Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division since last November, including the Ministry of Commerce. Until the government ministries settle into their new location, export activities will be negatively impacted.

Bean and pulse exports in CY 2005 decreased sharply by 26 percent from 905,790 mt in CY 2004 to 669,669 mt. as exports to India, the major importer of Burmese beans and pulses, dropped significantly (24 percent) from last year. China became the second largest buyer and influenced bean and pulse trading in Mandalay significantly. However, it is difficult to report the actual exports of beans and pulses to China as most of trading activities are conducted over the long border and are difficult to trace.

The late rains were reportedly favorable to the late season bean and pulse crop. However, the outlook for exports in 2006 is still sluggish due to unpredictable overseas demand for the major export-oriented bean varieties, including Toor Whole, Mung beans and Matpe, and a move of the Ministry of Commerce which has delayed issuance of export permits for beans and pulses.

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